

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 4/3

COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

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1. Pursuant to National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 4, paragraph 1, the following comprehensive national intelligence objectives, generally applicable to all foreign countries and areas, are hereby established:

a. Basic descriptive data as outlined in NIS Standard Instructions.

b. Social, economic, and political stability and trends of development; susceptibility to foreign influence or coercion; vulnerability to subversion.

c. Military capabilities and vulnerabilities, offensive and defensive, including economic, scientific and technical, and psychological factors.

d. Capabilities to influence, coerce, or subvert other governments and peoples; capabilities for espionage, sabotage, and other clandestine operations in other countries.

e. Foreign policy, including strategic concepts and intentions; international alignment, with particular reference to alignment with or against the US or the USSR; disposition and intention to interfere in the internal affairs of other states; preparation for and intention to resort to armed action against other states.

2. Priority national intelligence objectives, with reference to specific countries and subjects, will be set forth in a separate DCID.

3. DCID 4/1 "National Intelligence Objectives," 5 February 1948, is hereby rescinded.

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